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FM AMEMBASSY RANGOON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8912

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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: US-BURMESE BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS

REF: STATE 271538

1. AS SUGGESTED RANGOON 3024 (PARA 6) EMBASSY INFORMED MFA THAT GUB PROPOSAL FOR FEBRUARY TALKS HAD BEEN PASSED TO DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOR CONSIDERATION AND THAT MFA WOULD BE INFORMED WHEN REPLY RECEIVED. NO FURTHER ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN BY EMBASSY AND GUB HAS NOT RAISED ISSUE AGAIN.

2. EMBASSY AWARE THAT RENEGOTIATION CURRENT AGREEMENT NOT IN USG INTERESTS. FOR THIS REASON EMBASSY HAS MAINTAINED THAT DELAY IS TO USG ADVANTAGE. PERHAPS SUFFICIENT DELAY WILL RESULT IN GUB DROPPING THE ISSUE AS IT DID IN 1965.

3. ON OTHER HAND, USG MUST BE AWARE THAT GUB MIGHT CHOOSE TO PRESSURE US IF THEY FEEL WE ARE NOT ACTING IN GOOD FAITH. GUB PRESUMABLY KNOWS THE VALUE PANAM AND TWA ATTACH TO BURMESE OVERFLIGHT RIGHTS, THE LATTER'S OF WHICH EXPIRES IN MAY. GUB MIGHT SEE REFUSAL OF TWA OVERFLIGHTS AFTER THAT DATE AS A MEANS OF PRESSURING USG TO NEGOTIATING TABLE.

4. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE STRIVING TO KEEP ISSUE QUIESCENT,
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BUT WE MUST ASSUME THAT MFA MAY ONE DAY ASK WHY USG HAS

NOT REPLIED TO ITS PRGUOSAL FOR FEBRUARY TALKS. PLEASE
ADVISE APPROPRIATE REPLY WHEN THAT DAY ARRIVES.
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